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Dear Mr. Chandler,

Excuse this delay in
replying to yours of the 7th. But
I have been hoping meanwhile to
be able to name the day when
I might invite you to come
and pass a few days with us. Mr
Kitt has been with Anna at
Maplewood for a fortnight, and
only returned to give our house-
keeper another fortnight with
her friends in Brookline, so
the month is going fast and

am not to see you here as I
had fondly hoped. 'tis a disappointment
for which the future is pledged
to make ample amends.

Now can't you accompany
me to Northampton on Saturday
the 3^d September, taking the 11 train
from Boston, and I joining you
at Concord Station at 12. m.
That train takes us to Northampton
at 5. P. M. — I go to Florence
to speak on Sunday and return
to Concord on Monday by the
earliest train. I am to stay
with Mr. Ware in Northampton
and ride over in his carriage
on Sunday morning to Florence.

It would give me much
pleasure to have your Company
if you are free to leave home
at that time, and inclined to see
your friends at Northampton.

Your visit to Swampscott
and Thosca must have been very
enjoyable ~ I have not knowledge
of Mr. A. Cotton's "Dramatic Sketches".
The ones you quote are thoughtful
and need one to ask for more.

"What is a Good Cotton?" you
ask. Let Goethe tell us the
mood in which such must be
conceived and written:

"It may be owing to my mood
at the time, but it seems to me
that

as well in writing as in treating of
sentings and actions, unless one write
with a loving sympathy, a certain
enthusiasm. The result is so defective
as to leave very little value. Pleasure
delight, sympathy in things and with
persons all that is real, and that
reproduces reality: all else is empty
and vain."

The girls are enjoying their travels
and adventures. They have been
spending a month at Bes in Switzerland
and are now at Geneva. May has
climbed the Alpine Pass to St. Bernard
and writes a lively account of her
adventures. Louise's health is im-
proving. The war, they write is
not likely to affect their plans
of travelling. Very cordially yours
Miss Chandler. & A. Bronson Allen.